

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

Pending Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a system comprising a central service facility connected to a remotely located medical diagnostic scanning system via a network, comprising the steps of:

selecting a training video via an operator input to said medical diagnostic scanning system; ~~and~~

sending a training video request from said medical diagnostic scanning system to said central service facility via said network, said training video request comprising an identifier identifying said selected training video and a source system identifier identifying said medical diagnostic scanning system;

in response to receipt of said training video request and said source system identifier at said central service facility, verifying whether the medical diagnostic scanning system identified by said source system identifier has a valid subscription; and

declining to retrieve video and audio data of said selected training video from a video library if the medical diagnostic scanning system identified by said source system identifier does not have a valid subscription.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

retrieving video and audio data of said selected training video from a video library following receipt of said training video request at said central service facility; and

sending said video and audio data of said selected training video from said central service facility to said medical diagnostic scanning system via said network.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising the step of displaying said video data and playing said audio data at said medical diagnostic scanning system.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A system comprising a central service facility connected to a multiplicity of remotely located medical diagnostic scanning systems via a network, wherein each of said medical diagnostic scanning systems comprises a graphical user interface for selecting a training video, means for formulating a training video request comprising an identifier identifying the training video selected by the user and a source system identifier identifying said medical diagnostic scanning system, which source system identifier is stored in memory in said medical diagnostic scanning and is automatically retrieved and included in the training video request in response to selection of the training video by the user, and then means for sending [[a]] the training video request from said medical diagnostic scanning system to said central service facility via said network in response to selection of the training video by the user [[,]] ~~said training video request comprising an identifier identifying said selected training video.~~

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said central service facility comprises a video server which is programmed to perform the following steps:

retrieving video and audio data of said selected training video from a video database following receipt of said training video request; and

sending said video and audio data of said selected training video to said network addressed to said medical diagnostic scanning system.

Claim 7 (Original): The system as recited in claim 6, wherein said central service facility further comprises a memory for storing said video database, said video database memory being accessed by said video server to perform said retrieving step.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 6, wherein said medical diagnostic scanning system comprises a display screen, an audio speaker and a video/audio player for displaying said video data on said display screen and outputting said audio data to said audio speaker.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said central service facility comprises:

a license server programmed to verify whether ~~said~~ the medical diagnostic scanning system identified by said source system identifier has a valid subscription in response to receipt of said training video request at said central service facility; and

an application server coupled to said license server and programmed to decline said training video request if said license server communicates that ~~said~~ the medical diagnostic scanning system identified by said source system identifier does not have a valid subscription.

Claims 10-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A system comprising a central service facility connected to a multiplicity of remotely located medical diagnostic scanning systems via a network, wherein each of said medical diagnostic scanning systems comprises:

means for selecting a training video;

means for formulating a request to view said training video, said training video request comprising an identifier identifying said selected training video and a source system identifier identifying said medical diagnostic scanning system, which source system identifier is stored in memory in said medical diagnostic scanning and is automatically retrieved and included in the training video request in response to selection of the training video by the user; and

a communications module for sending said training video request from said medical diagnostic scanning system to said central service facility via said network.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 19, wherein said central service facility comprises:

means for retrieving said requested training video from a video database; and

a communications module for sending said training video from said central service facility to said medical diagnostic scanning system via said network.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 19, wherein said central service facility comprises:

means for retrieving video and audio data of said selected training video from a video database following receipt of said training video request; and

means for sending said video and audio data of said selected training video to said network addressed to said medical diagnostic scanning system.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 20, wherein said central service facility further comprises:

means for verifying whether ~~said~~ the medical diagnostic scanning system identified by said source system identifier has a valid subscription in response to receipt of said training video request at said central service facility; and

means for declining said training video request if said license server communicates that ~~said~~ the medical diagnostic scanning system identified by said source system identifier does not have a valid subscription.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A system comprising a video library accessible to a multiplicity of remotely located medical diagnostic scanning systems via a network, wherein each of said medical diagnostic scanning systems comprises:

means for selecting a training video;

means for formulating a request to view said training video, said training video request comprising an identifier identifying said selected training video and a source system identifier identifying said medical diagnostic scanning system, which source system identifier is stored in memory in said medical diagnostic scanning and is automatically retrieved and included in the training video request in response to selection of the training video by the user; and

a communications module for sending said training video request from said medical diagnostic scanning system to said video library via said network.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 23, wherein said video library comprises a video database and

a video server which is programmed to perform the following steps:

retrieving video and audio data of said selected training video from said video database following receipt of said training video request; and

sending said video and audio data of said selected training video to said network addressed to said medical diagnostic scanning system.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The method as recited in claim 2, wherein said video library comprises training videos showing how to operate the scanning equipment, how to perform patient examinations or how to make diagnoses for each imaging modality.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 6, wherein said video database comprises training videos showing how to operate the scanning equipment, how to perform patient examinations or how to make diagnoses for each imaging modality.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 20, wherein said video database comprises training videos showing how to operate the scanning equipment, how to perform patient examinations or how to make diagnoses for each imaging modality.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 24, wherein said video database comprises training videos showing how to operate the scanning equipment, how to perform patient examinations or how to make diagnoses for each imaging modality.